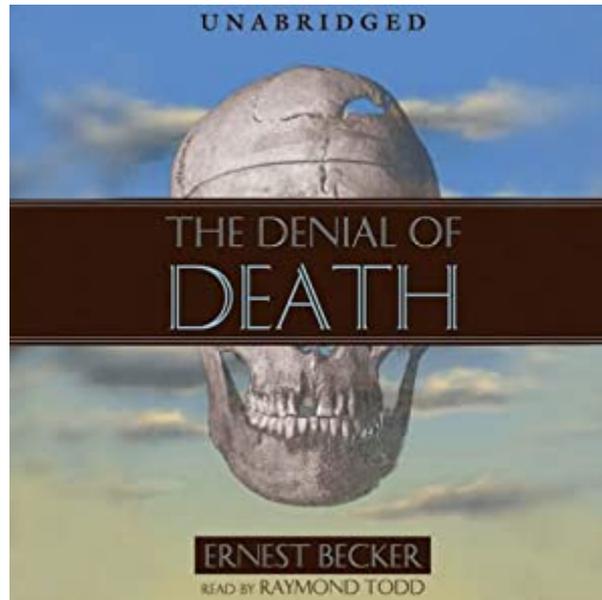


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# The Denial Of Death



## Synopsis

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1974 and the culmination of a life's work, *The Denial of Death* is Ernest Becker's brilliant and impassioned answer to the "why" of human existence. In bold contrast to the predominant Freudian school of thought, Becker tackles the problem of the vital lie: man's refusal to acknowledge his own mortality. In doing so, he sheds new light on the nature of humanity and issues a call to life and its living that still resonates more than thirty years after its publication. *The Denial of Death* was the last book Dr. Becker published before his premature death in 1974. His insightful and powerful ideas are sure to last for generations. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

A wonderful insightful book which in the end, was, for me, more about life than death. No mere self-help book, this is a beautifully written, thoughtful insight into the human condition.

Recommended for any reader open to alternate philosophical approaches to the meaning of life and death. Filled with golden nuggets galore, this is read that should take some time to read, but only because its contents are too important to scan through. Excellent work from one of the 20th century's underappreciated great thinkers.

I'm a pretty young man and haven't experienced as much time to think as Becker or the people mentioned in the book, so this might be the reason why I had so many awww and oooo moments. I believe this would be an incredible book to give to those that ponder death or those who worry

about if they're doing life "right" or "wrong." I'm really open to new ideas and the denial of death definitely is a book that opens your eyes to a whole new level of understanding!

I read this book many years ago and recently listened to it as an audio book several times. I bought it for a friend as a masterpiece must-read on what it means to live accepting fully the certainty of death.

it's a life changer but prepare yourself. you will learn something about yourself you didn't know....or didn't want to acknowledge...

The Pulitzer Prize for this book at times seems like an understatement. I am unabashedly a devotee of this work and, by extension, Becker himself after reading it once. At a point in life where seemingly there wasn't anything new under the sun philosophically and regarding human psychology from my limited, lay perspective, encountering the Denial of Death was akin to being turned from the shadows in the cave to face the burning, brilliant force of real light in the real world. Prepare to have your foundations rocked if you're not familiar with this book....

Consciousness, the ability to know ourselves, is not perfect. We are still, if not JUST, evolving as animals who have this ability. Because we have consciousness we "think" we know. That judgment, which is the opposite of awareness, stops personal evolution. To me, this book/author is about the brain's evolution. It illuminates just how consciousness doesn't spring out of the ether, but has been evolving through trial and error, success and failure for millions of years. That said, this book is one theory. I rate it highly, though, because discussions about the secular, biological evolution of humans for the layman is hard to come by. It is a type of self-help book for anyone who want rational thought to be at the forefront of human understanding.

If you read one book in your lifetime this should be it. It can inform your passage through this life.

If you want to delve a bit deeper into the human condition than most books do, please read this superlative Pulitzer prize winning masterpiece. Ernest Becker has studied and gleaned and combined the works of such towering figures as Otto Rank, Sigmund Freud and Soren Kierkegaard. These and many other noteworthy men in Becker's book devoted their entire lives searching for meaning in our very existence and sharing their journeys with us to perhaps reduce the angst in our

own human existence through understanding. I discovered this book many many years ago while searching for my own answers to life's mysteries and have treasured and reread this book many times since. If you want to go beyond the fluff and pat answers and religious takes on what forces drive our behavior, please put this book at the top of your list. Dale Eugene Edwards

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